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II. Historical development of Psychiatry as a field of Specialisation; Attitudes and beliefs pertaining to mental illness in ancient, medieval and modern times; Concepts of Normality, Abnormality and Mental Health. Classification of Mental Illness: Diagnostic Statistical Manuel(DSM)III-R. International Classification of Diseases (ICD); Psychiatric assessment: Interviewing, Case History taking; Sources of Intake, Mental Status examination; Formulation of Psychosocial diagnosis.

III. Psychiatric Illness: Neuroses, Psychoses, organic and functional, culture bound syndromes, Personality disorders, Sexual deviations, Alcoholism and Drug dependence.
Mental Handicap: Definition, classification, clinical types and causes,
Cerebral Palsy: Clinical types, causes, associated disabilities.
Epilepsy: Definition, types, causes, management.
Ageing: Biological, social and psychological problems.
Suicide: Causes, indications, prevention.
Childhood disorders: Behaviour disorders; Eating, elimination, sleep and speech disorders.
Childhood Psychoses: Autism, Schizophrenia.
Scholastic Backwardness: Symptoms, causes and management.
Attention Deficit Disorders.

IV. Therapeutic Intervention in Psychiatric Illness: Psycho education, Cognitive Therapy, Group Psychotherapy, Family Therapy, Marital therapy: Scope and types.
Behaviour therapy: Principles and techniques.
ECT, Chemotherapy, Psychosurgery and Mega vitamin Therapy; Occupational Therapy (Purpose and Concept).

V. Scope of Psychiatric Social Work practice: Roles and functions of a Psychiatric Social Worker with regards to the problems of patients and their families in :
1) Psychiatric OPD’s 2) Psychiatric Specialty Clinics
Rehabilitation of Psychiatric patients: Role of the Social Worker in rehabilitation - planning, mobilization, reintegration of the patient in the family and community; Principles and Models of Psychiatric Rehabilitation; Role of the Psychiatric Social Worker in Team Work.
Concepts of : Therapeutic community, Partial Hospitalization, Day Care Centres, Half way homes, Sheltered workshop and Transitory homes; National Mental health Programme; District Mental Health Programme.

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Garland, Margaret: The other side of psychiatric care, Macmillan, 1983.